

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**AUGUST 2, 2016**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led everyone in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Bridges moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2016 as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported that the Stellar site presentation has been completed. He should be notified of the decision on August 11<sup>th</sup> and it will be announced to the public on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley said the budget meeting with the DLGF was cancelled and re-scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Bridges reminded everyone that the first day of school is upon us and we need to remember to drive safely.

Mayor Pavey informed Council that the railroad track on Harrison Street will be closed tomorrow to repair the crossing. All crossings will eventually be completed.

Janice Osborne suggested that cameras be placed at school bus stops to alleviate bullying. Pavey said we would need to make sure fiber is available to the areas.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker handed out the July report.

**Park** – Park Director Gurley gave the following report: The pool closed Saturday; this Friday the Princess Theater group will host the movie Jaws; Sunday we will have pooches at the pool; the pool was shut down 3 days due to weather; 28 city employees utilized pool passes; 3 organizations visited the pool on a regular basis; there were 33 pool parties; and 32 people

were given one on one swim lessons. Gurley said the new handicap ramp was used several times.

We have replaced the restroom floor at Booker T. We are currently obtaining quotes for a new air conditioning unit.

Approximately 175 people attended the last movie in the park. August 20<sup>th</sup> we will be presenting the movie Inside Out.

Summer camp was well attended with 125 campers. Thanks to all who participated making this a successful event.

Janice Osborne said she was sad to see the pool close this early. She said other communities stay open into September. She said if it was open in the evenings this would help those that are affected by high pollen. She urged Council to keep the pool open in the evenings if at all possible. Mayor Pavey said part of the problem is that lifeguards are not available they also already scheduled pooches in park for this Sunday. She also suggested enclosing the pool. Gurley said they would consider staying open later next year. Berkemeier said Osborne should suggest this to the Park Board.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Soul Pocket will perform at the concert on Saturday.
- **Marketing** – No report.
- **APC/BZA** – City side is going well.
- **City Center** –Applications for Clerk of the Works will be opened tomorrow and interviews will be scheduled.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are in the environmental phase.
- **Brownfield Grant** – We have received reports back on the Laker building. We will meet with Laker next week.
- **ECDC** – There has been a proposal from a company. McCane will be going to Connersville tomorrow to look at tool and dye materials.

Berkemeier said the APC approved the garage and porch for Mostert's.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Blue Ribbon Estates Lighting – (Valerie McGowan)** Pavey said information was turned over to Duke last week. They will provide pricing.
2. **Title VI Plan and Policy** – A cursory review has been done. It will be sent to targeted people to critic. There will be a 30-day comment period and public hearings will be held. We should be ready to vote in September or October.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **ServLine-Residential Service Line and Leak-Adjustment Program** – Les Day reviewed with Council a leak protection program that the Utility Board is considering implementing. It is basically an insurance policy for customers for leaks. The cost of the program would be added to the customer utility bill each month. The estimated cost to the resident would be \$1.00-\$2.00 per month. If the customer chose to be a part of the program and had a leak the only thing they would have to pay would be their average monthly bill.

The Utility Board is also considering the possibility of a sewer and water protection program which would cover anything up to the house. The cost of this program would depend on the distance to the house. It is estimated that for the leak protection and the water and sewer program the cost would be approximately \$14.50 per month. Council was asked to review the programs and if they had any questions to contact Les Day.

**CLAIMS:** Cameron moved to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Chief Tucker said there will be a law enforcement appreciation event on Saturday at the amphitheater. Pictures will be at 3:00 p.m. and the event will begin at 4:00.

Councilman Conner asked if the Fire Department roof was okay. Pavey said there was one change on the spec regarding one continuous sheet of metal (54 foot sheet). We decided to go with standard size due to a cost restraint.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.